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Pink Ladies and two boys: From left are Madalyn Farmer, Katy Nicholson, Daniel Perkes, Gavin Cole, Kristina Ortiz and Emily Ranch in costume at the City of Fairfax Fourth of July Parade.

'You're the One that I Want'

Alliance Theatre to present musical, 'Grease.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's high school 1959, and the students at Rydell High are busy with their classes, music and love lives. And with a rockin' beat-underscoring the story, the audience will see the blossoming romance of tough guy Danny and nice girl Sandy.

That's the premise of "Grease," The Alliance Theatre's new musical at Chantilly High. It features a cast and crew of 55 that Director Jennifer Farmer calls fabulous.

"This cast is amazing and incredibly talented," she said. "I get chills when they sing. It's definitely a family-friendly show, and the audience will thoroughly enjoy spending their summer nights here."

The show will burst upon the stage Saturday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 14, at 4 p.m.; Friday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, at 4 p.m.; Saturday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m.

Music director is Trace Stokes; choreographers are Maria Cammarata, Chaz Coffin, Heidi Ermlick and Courtney Janelle. Tickets are \$20, adults; \$15, students, children and senior citizens, at www.TheAllianceTheatre.org. For group tickets, call 703-220-8101 or e-mail BoxOffice@TheAllianceTheatre.org.

The scenes take place in the schoolyard, cafeteria, a bedroom and a 1950s diner. "And the car we have is amazing," said Farmer. "We can dance on it and it has a real vinyl seat. The costumes are eye-catching, too; the girls will have sweaters, poodle skirts and saddle shoes."

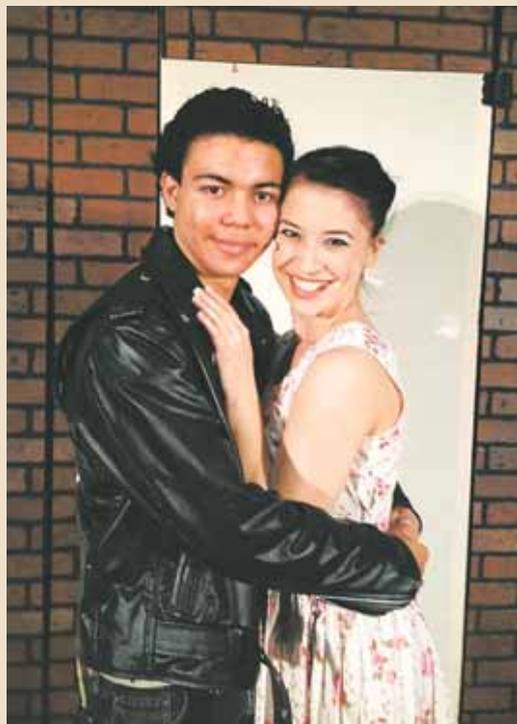


PHOTO COURTESY OF DAWNE LEKANG

Diego Encarnacion and Stephanie Feedback as Danny and Sandy in Alliance's musical, "Grease."

Playing Sandy is June Chantilly grad Stephanie Feedback, who'll major in musical theater at Oklahoma City University. "Sandy's the sweet, new girl just trying to fit in, and she doesn't realize how naive she is," said Feedback. "Her first love was over the summer, and now she's heartbroken and wants people to respect her."

Feedback's excited about her part because "it's a beloved role and everyone's seen the movie and loves the music. It's a fun show to do and Sandy

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Celebrating the Fourth At Chantilly Mosque

Food, fun, politicians and gratitude.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

There were hot dogs, hamburgers, water melons, children's games, politicians and speeches — a typical, American celebration of the Fourth of July. But this one last Thursday was at the Mubarak Mosque in Chantilly, home of the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

It was also special because it was the first Fourth of July celebration held there since the mosque opened last summer. Fouzan Pal, general secretary of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, said it was part of the nationwide Muslims for Loyalty campaign.

"It represents our commitment to the country we live in and all the security and freedoms that we enjoy here," he said. "I came to the U.S. in 1987 on religious asylum, and it was a great blessing to be able to practice our faith here. We couldn't do that in Pakistan — we were persecuted there."

Just off Walney Road, the two-story, 7,200-square-foot place of worship is called the Mubarak Mosque which, in Islamic, means "blessed tidings." And the Ahmadiyya Muslims are a sect of Islam whose central tenet is "Love for all, hatred for none." It condemns violence, terrorism and Jihad and, instead, believes in morality, justice and peace.

There are 70 chapters of Ahmadiyya Muslims in the U.S., including five in Virginia. About 4,000 members live in the Washington Metropolitan area. Two chapters share this center in the



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Hibbi Iqbal and daughter Hibba, 3, in front of a fire engine from Chantilly's Station 15.

Walney Oaks community — the Northern Virginia Chapter, whose members live in Sterling, Leesburg and Ashburn; and the Central Virginia Chapter, comprised of Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Gainesville and Haymarket residents.

The majority of the attendees come from Centreville, Chantilly and Fairfax. A.J. Amjad, secretary of the Central Virginia Chapter, said his chapter and the Northern Virginia Chapter have about 950 members total, with 400 coming to the mosque on Fridays.

At last Thursday's, July 4 event, dignitaries included Tariq Amjed, president of the Central Virginia Chapter, and Sherali Basharat, president of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Also there were Del. Tom Rust (R-86); state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) and state Sen. Mark

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ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, July 18, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Mount Olive Community Picnic

Mount Olive Baptist Church is holding its annual picnic, Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and the neighboring community is invited. Mount Olive is at 6600 Old Centreville Road in Centreville, and the festivities will be held on the church grounds.

Previously, the members gathered offsite for the picnic. But this year, said the Rev. Eugene Johnson, "We wanted to stay at home and share food, fun and fellowship with our neighbors here in Centreville." The event will also include sports, games, prizes and music for all ages.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, July 21, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Summer Food Drives Needed

Summer is when WFCM is most in need of food donations. Children are home from school and need three meals a day, but many come from homes where both money and food are scarce. So WFCM is hoping local residents and businesses will hold summer food drives to help it restock its food pantry so it can provide food to local families in need. Email tkelly@wfcmvva.org.

Pedestrian, Bicycle Safety Urged

Fairfax County police are urging drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to be vigilant this July. The number of cyclists involved in crashes increased from 85 in 2011 to 106 in 2012. So far in 2013, there have been 45.

An 18-month study of reportable bicycle crashes shows that at least a quarter of the bicyclists weren't wearing reflective clothing at the time of the crash; five bicyclists were reported to have been drinking alcohol and about 44 percent were doing something improper, such as riding on the wrong side of the road, failing to maintain proper control or disregarding a stop or yield sign. Police are working with private cycling groups to increase public education efforts on bicycle safety issues.

Police also report an increase in pedestrians involved in crashes. There were 201 in 2012 — up from 185 in 2011. So far this year, there have been 98. Police urge pedestrians to learn more about safety issues at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/pedsafety.htm>.

How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center serves businesses and homeowners needing help with remodeling or maintenance projects. Local residents who'd like to hire a worker from the CLRC may call 703-543-6272 or go to www.centrevilleLRC.org and click on the "How to Hire" link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers' skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feedback to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.

NEWS

Explain, Deny, Return or Resign

Petersen first Virginia legislator to suggest McDonnell resign over alleged wrongdoing in accepting gifts from prominent donor.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

The tipping point for state Sen. J. Chap Petersen (D-34) was the \$6,500 Rolex watch.

Reports about the Rolex, one in a series of lavish gifts reportedly given to Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R) and members of his family by a major campaign donor, told Petersen it was time to send a stern letter to the governor asking him to "come clean on this matter" by explaining the gifts, denying the reports, or resigning from office.

On Tuesday, July 2, Petersen sent his letter, becoming the first Virginia lawmaker to suggest McDonnell's resignation in the wake of the deepening controversy.

"When I heard about the Rolex watch and the circumstances of that gift, that was when I knew I had to speak out," Petersen said on Friday. "I actually drafted my letter a couple days before, but did not send it right away. I was waiting to see if somebody else would step up, but nobody did. So we mailed it out on the morning of July 2. I also called the governor's staff and emailed them a copy."

LATER THAT NIGHT, Petersen appeared on MSNBC's Rachel Maddow show, featuring Maddow's liberal and animated take on the political news of the day.

Maddow asked him if it was the "overall weight of the allegation, the long list of things he has ... allegedly received in his capacity as governor" or one item in particular that prompted the letter.

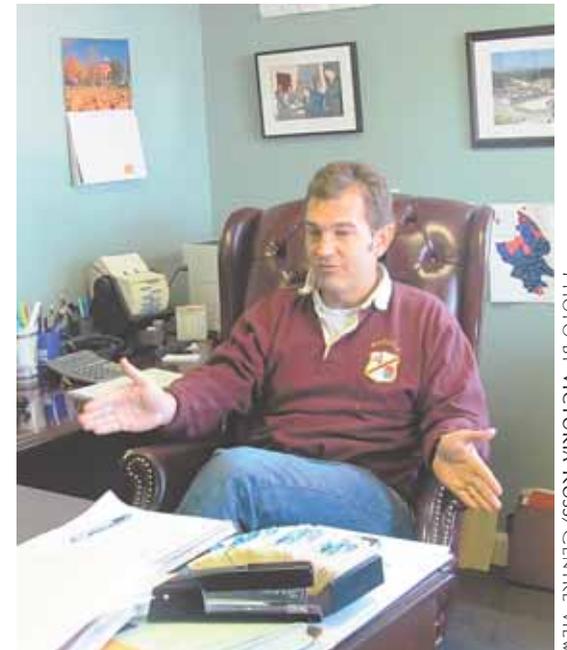
"I have three daughters, so when I heard about the \$15,000 spent on the wedding reception, that kind of took me aback," Petersen told Maddow. "There was a lot of joking about it, and I guess people thought maybe this was a one-time thing, maybe there's an explanation." But Petersen said as the weeks went by with revelations of "one item after another," he was dismayed by the deafening silence.

"There's been no explanation from the governor ... and hiding behind 'no comment,' that's not working. The people of Virginia deserve better," Petersen said.

In an interview Friday, Petersen said he didn't know why other members of his party had remained silent about the gifts McDonnell reportedly received from Jonnie R. Williams Sr., CEO of Star Scientific, which manufactures dietary supplements.

"Because of that continuing silence, I felt compelled to step forward. I didn't understand why everyone was afraid to speak out, when this was so obviously wrong," Petersen said.

For the past several months, reports have surfaced about the lavish gifts Williams gave to McDonnell and first lady Maureen McDonnell, including clothing, money and trips. The gifts included \$15,000 in



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in his Fairfax office.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/CENTRE VIEW

catering for the 2011 wedding of McDonnell's daughter at Virginia's historic Executive Mansion.

McDonnell has said he did not disclose the catering because it was a wedding present to his daughter, and he has been thorough in his annual financial disclosures regarding gifts. In January, he told The Richmond-Times Dispatch that the Rolex was a gift from his wife.

The ongoing revelations about the gifts, and the lack of disclosure from the governor, are at the crux of ongoing state and federal investigations.

On April 29, it was first reported that federal authorities were interviewing McDonnell and the first lady about their relationship to Williams, as well as actions the McDonnells may have taken that benefited Williams and his company.

In May, it was reported that Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Herring is investigating whether McDonnell violated state gift and disclosure laws.

According to The Virginia Public Access Project, Star Scientific and Williams gave \$130,000 to Virginia officials and a PAC that supports McDonnell from 2009 to 2012.

"It is not illegal to accept gifts," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), the most senior delegate from Northern Virginia. "They are just supposed to be reported."

According to Virginia state law, McDonnell must disclose all gifts to him worth more than \$50. But he does not have to disclose gifts to immediate family members or gifts received from family or "personal friends."

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— State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) on the Rachel Maddow Show

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Cub Scout Pack 1861 of Clifton Presbyterian Church.



The Thompson sisters, (from left) Amelia, 10, and Rachel, 8.

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CENTRE VIEW

Clifton's Old-Fashioned Fourth

The Town of Clifton's Fourth of July celebration included a parade, flag-raising ceremony, children's games and a potluck picnic in the park.



Cameron Landis, 3, on a police motorcycle.



From left are Alexander Populoh, 8; Ann Sophie Populoh, 6; and Ryan Thompson, 5.



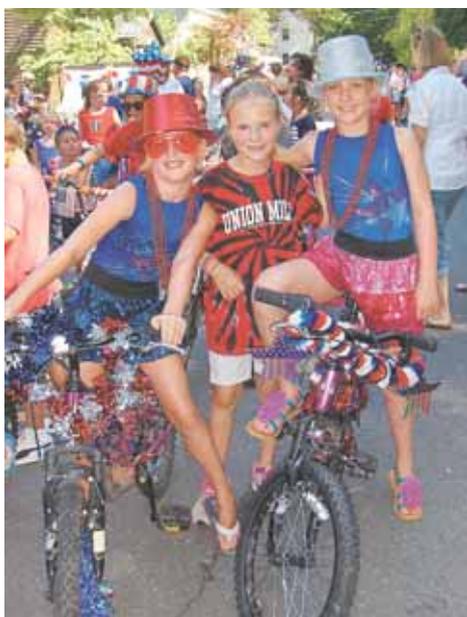
Two boys riding in a patriotic Jeep.



From left are Addison White, 20 months, and Laurel Kinzer, 1.



These children are riding in style.



From left are Josie Layfield, 8; Kirsten Mikolashek, 9; and Elsa Hencken, 9 and a half.



Jackie and Matthew Hugo, youngest children of Del. Tim Hugo (R-40).



Democratic Women of Clifton and state Sen. George Barker (D-39).



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Morgan Tweddle (left) and Andrew Banick lead Westfield High's Marching Band at the City of Fairfax Fourth of July Parade.



Westfield's band played in 90-degree heat during last Thursday's Fourth of July Parade in the City of Fairfax.

Westfield Preps for Parade in Pasadena

Tournament of Roses president speaks to students.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Sure, the students in Westfield High's marching band are enjoying their summer. They're also busy learning new music and practicing their drills. Besides marching on the Bulldog football field come fall, they'll be participating Jan. 1 in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

And before school ended, Parade President R. Scott Jenkins came here to officially extend the invitation to Westfield's band. During the band's awards banquet at the Westfields Marriott, he gave each member an autographed "Dreams Come True" poster. In return, the band performed a concert for him at GMU's Center for the Arts.

First, though, Jenkins came to the school to meet the students and tell them a bit about the parade. He discussed its history, gave them specifics about what to expect and told them how happy he is that they'll be participating.

"We are thrilled that you're going to be in our 125th Tournament of Roses Parade," he said. "Congratulations."

Held each New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif., it's viewed live by more than 1 million people and televised to more than 50 million people in the U.S. and 100 million worldwide. And Westfield will be only the third Virginia public high school to ever march in this pre-Rose Bowl parade.

Also excited is Westfield Band Director Stephen Panoff. He's taught high-school band for 30 years, including the past seven at Westfield.

"I started thinking about this parade in September 2011," he said. "Then in January 2012, we got serious about the application process. Over the next several months, we acquired all the materials we needed to submit and then submitted it all in May 2012."



Westfield Band Director Stephen Panoff.

Tournament of Roses Parade President R. Scott Jenkins listens to a band member's question.

The band was officially notified in September 2012 that it was accepted. "It was at a football game, and the kids went nuts," said Panoff. "I told them only a select number of bands could even think about applying, and we were one of them."

Noting that Westfield's only 12 years old, he said, "I thought the band's reputation and body of work might not compare to more-established band programs at older schools. But we've certainly made our mark and arrived in the band world, and the selection to the Rose Parade is affirmation of all that."

"It's just exhilarating — a bucket-list

achievement for a band director," continued Panoff. "It's one of those iconic moments you hope for, and I'm thrilled for the kids."

During his visit to Westfield, Jenkins told the band members Pasadena has about 150,000 people, is surrounded by the San Gabriel Mountains and is home to Cal Tech. The parade began in 1890, and a big reason Pasadena hosts it is because its daytime temperatures on Jan. 1 are generally 60-70 degrees.

"The parade organizers wanted all the parade vehicles — now called floats — to be covered by flowers," said Jenkins. "They played the first Rose Bowl game in 1902 — Michigan vs. Stanford — as a fundraiser for the parade. In the following years, they held ostrich races, elephants vs. camels, and chariot races before returning to football in 1916. Next year will be the 100th Rose Bowl football game."

He said the five-and-a-half-mile parade is one of the longest in the world, taking 2 hours, 30 minutes to complete. "We shut down one of the freeways so the buses can drop off the bands there," said Jenkins. "Then they march to Orange Grove Boulevard, where the parade starts and where

there used to be orange and lemon groves."

The parade will have 50 floats, 15 horse units and 20 bands — 12 from high schools, two from the universities playing in the Rose Bowl and six repeat bands. For example, said Jenkins, "The Salvation Army Band has been in every Rose Parade since 1920."

He said the highlight for Westfield's band will probably be when it reaches "Camera Corner," where Orange Grove hits Colorado Boulevard. "The live broadcasters and 45,000 people in the bandstands will be there," said Jenkins. "And as you turn that corner, you'll see 800,000 people."

Knowing the musicians will work up an appetite after all that marching, he said they'll be able to have lunch at an In-N-Out Burger at the end of the parade route before boarding buses for the airport and home.

"There are over 25,000 high-schools in the U.S., so for you to be selected for the parade is really extraordinary," said Jenkins. "Bands were chosen on the basis of their musical ability, marching talent, showmanship and entertainment value and were then compared to [each other]."

He said Westfield's band was ranked high in many areas, but especially in musical talent. "I know you've done a lot of hard work, so congratulations," said Jenkins. "I look forward to seeing all of you in Pasadena in January 2014."

One boy asked him what made Westfield stand out, and Jenkins replied, "You have a really good sound. Your music is not only technically really good, but your emotions come through, as well — it's a powerful thing."

Jenkins is one of nearly 1,000 volunteers working all year 'round to plan the parade and football game. It's his 32nd years as a volunteer and, he said, "We're proud to showcase Pasadena at the start of a new year. We provide hope and joy through the beautiful floats, music and college football game."

"We are America's New Year's celebration, and you will participate in it, this coming year," he told the young musicians. "I think a band of your size and talent will be a showcase band for us."



R. Scott Jenkins talks to the band students in Westfield's cafeteria.

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Young Students Tackle Real-World Problems

Rocky Run eighth-graders learn via their science projects.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

To the untrained eye, they looked like science-fair projects. But Ileana Rodriguez, eighth-grade science teacher and Science Department chair at Rocky Run Middle School, said her students created experimental-design displays.

"It's taking kids through the process of experimental design from scratch," she said. "They start with a question, form a hypothesis, test it out and design an experiment for it. Then they gather data, analyze it and write a report containing their analyses of the results."

They next display everything on a tri-fold backboard. Rodriguez said it's important that they learned "the process of doing this because, next year, they'll be required to do science-fair projects in high school."



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Josh Hogue proved the validity of the Ideal Gas Law.

JOSH HOGUE

Josh Hogue researched the effect of temperature stimuli, over time, on the circumference length of a balloon. "I wanted to prove the Ideal Gas Law, which is about the relation between the temperature of a gas and the space it takes up," he said.

He had three variables — the different

types of temperature stimuli, different periods of times the balloons were exposed to them, and the balloons' circumference lengths.

"I submerged 15, partially inflated balloons in water and measured the changes in circumference," said Josh. "My hypoth-



Leah Talalayevsky experimented with tooth-whitening substances.

esis was that, if the water temperature increases, the circumference of the balloon will also increase because of the Ideal Gas Law, and this was correct."

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OPINION

More Than Disclosure Needed

Time for limits on campaign contributions as well.

At least until after November's election, most candidates in Virginia seem to think that there should be some reform to Virginia's campaign finance and disclosure rules. At least it seems likely that most will support expanding disclosure rules to require disclosure of gifts to immediate family members as well as candidates/officials.

Up until recent news reports about gifts to family members of Gov. Bob McDonnell, almost all elected officials would defend Virginia's notoriously unregulated system of allowing candidates and elected officials to take unlimited amounts of money and unlimited gifts from anyone or any company at all. Because Virginia has such strict disclosure requirements, elected officials seem to think that it's OK to be awash in all that money.

Voters can look up who is giving money and draw their own conclusions. How could it hurt if the details are all out in the open?

Discovering that the system is entirely self-regulated with no independent auditor, no ethics commission and no penalties for failing to report gifts or contributions should give voters some pause.

EDITORIALS

Consider that only four states, including Virginia, have no limits on contributions. Most states have limits; for example, in Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle.

Pet Centre View

The Pet Centre View will publish July 24. Send us your photos by July 18.

We invite you to send us stories about your pets, photos of you and/or your family with your cats, dogs, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your life with you.

Tell us the story of a special bond between a child and a dog, the story of how you came to adopt your pet, or examples of amazing feats of your creatures. Do you volunteer at an animal shelter or therapeutic riding center or take your pet to visit people in a nursing home? Tell us about your experience. You can also take this opportunity to memorialize a pet you have lost.

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JULY 29 THROUGH AUG. 2 OR AUG. 12 THROUGH AUG. 16

Summer Sports Camps. Jubilee Christian Center is holding summer sports camps (basketball, flag football, & soccer) for grades K-6 (as of fall school year) from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$160 per week, which includes a T-shirt. Pre-registration required by June 21. Before care & aftercare will

be available for Aug. 12-16 only: cost is \$25 per day for before care & \$25 per day for aftercare (or \$45 per day for both). Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or visit www.jccag.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Northern Virginia Family Service is seeking volunteers to organize collection drives of toiletries products for clients in need. Requested items include such things as shampoo,

soap, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Learn more about Northern Virginia Family Service at www.nvfs.org and contact Colleen Ross cross@nvfs.org if interested.

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War

Cavalry Museum needs volunteers to work on Sundays at 13938 Braddock Road, Centreville. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays, when volunteer help is needed the most. Civil War buffs who want something worthwhile to do on Sundays are perfect candidates. Generally at least two volunteers are on duty for each day of coverage at the museum. The museum is also open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Mondays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-785-5294 or visit www.stuart-mosby.com.

Respite Care Volunteers. Give a family caregiver of a frail, older adult a break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm>.

Advocates. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities throughout the area. Training is provided. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/vol_ombud_program.htm.

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum at 13938 Braddock Road. is now open, Saturdays and Mondays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984.

ONGOING

Clifton Day 2013. Vendor applications are online at www.cliftonday.com. Barbara Hutto is the chairperson. E-mail cliftonday2013@verizon.net to volunteer. Clifton Day 2013 is Oct. 13.



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Booster Club's Scholarships

The Westfield Athletic Booster Club awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to Westfield seniors on June 11 at the annual Athletic Awards Ceremony in the Westfield Gymnasium. Scholarship recipients are (from left, back row) Frank Aiello, Beau Donahue, Stephen Aiello, (middle row) Brandon Fiala, Brian Pisarcik, Reid Koutstaal, Brandon Williams, (front row) Kelly Duncan, Katie Manning and Jennifer Steinhilber.

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Gifts to Governor Hotly Debated

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"I'm not saying it's illegal," Petersen said. "I'm saying it's unacceptable."

Petersen said he was also bothered by the quid pro quo nature of the gifts. In August 2011, the first couple hosted a launch party for one of Star Scientific's products at the governor's mansion.

"The reports give the strong impression that your family was materially and systematically benefited by this person and his company. ... In return, it appears that you allowed this person to use the Governor's Mansion and the Governor's Office for the purpose of giving unique credibility to his company," Petersen wrote in the letter.

Petersen said the only response he's had to his letter from the governor's office was a call from McDonnell's lawyer. "His lawyer called me and basically told me that his client could not talk because of the investigation. My response was 'this is not just a legal issue. Your client needs to tell the people of this state what's going on.'"

"As an attorney, certainly Senator Petersen understands this office's not discussing the details of matters pending in the legal process," said Tucker Martin, a spokesman for the governor, in a statement released last week. "And, as a legislator, certainly Senator Petersen is aware that Virginia's disclosure requirements do not pertain to the families of elected

officials."

Martin also called the letter "blatantly political."

SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS agree.

"Chap's letter was political grandstanding," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). "I am disappointed to see this issue out there. It is absolutely important to maintain integrity in government. But right now no one has proved any wrongdoing, so we just need to let the process [investigation] play out."

"Honestly, I would prefer that someone else be doing this," Petersen said. "I take zero joy in staking out this position."

Petersen added that he has known McDonnell for 12 years and considers him sincere, forthright and unfailingly courteous.

"I still can't believe that he would permit this type of dealings in his household. That's why the Star Scientific reports are such a shock," Petersen said.

During a gathering at Reston's Lake Thoreau pool during the 4th of July holiday, several people were discussing the issue.

While some residents were highly critical, Peggy Hancuff said the issue of the governor's alleged gifts was relatively unimportant. "There are politics that are important, such as voter ID and the governor's election coming up, and then there are politics that are a distraction. This is a distraction. There are bigger issues out there," Hancuff said.

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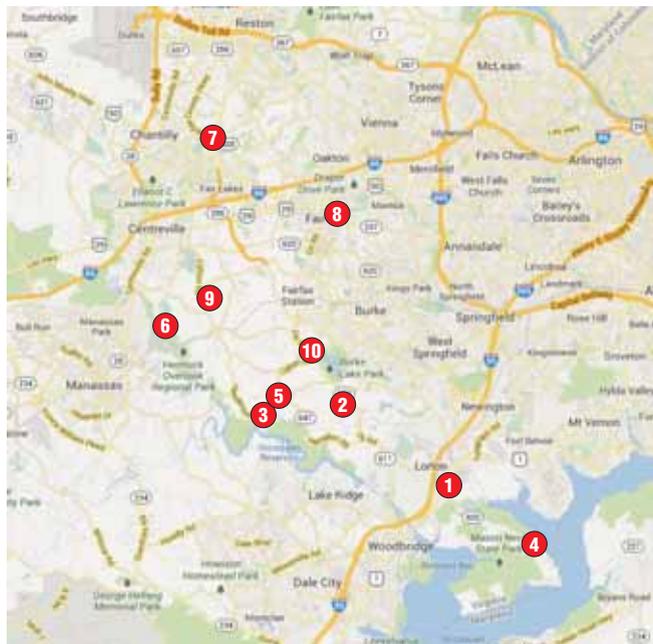
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Ideas for Summer Entertaining

Local tastemakers offer design and decorating ideas for alfresco soirees.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

Summer is a time when many enjoy outdoor gatherings with friends and family. From soirees in small courtyard spaces to poolside barbecues for a crowd, warm weather is often synonymous with alfresco entertaining.

From shatterproof platters and plates to furniture that can withstand the elements, outdoor accessories are plentiful. Local décor and design experts offer ideas for chic summer entertaining.

Robin Wagner, an associate professor of interior design at Marymount University in Arlington, says function and safety are top priorities when designing an outdoor space. "In talking about outdoor spaces, people view it as an extension of their home," said Wagner. "There are ways of making it feel like your home, but you have factors like weather impacting it, for example, the sun fading the fabrics or rain making things problematic. Companies now make furniture specifically for outdoor spaces."

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says options for outdoor furniture are abundant. "The past few years have brought a huge introduction of outdoor materials that allow you to create an outdoor living space that is as beautifully decorated as your interior space. Indoor-outdoor rugs, seating, entertaining pieces and even artwork allow you to introduce wonderful color and texture to your deck, patio and garden spaces. Comfortable seating invites guests to linger long after the barbecue is over to enjoy cocktails and the evening air."

Wagner offers a caveat when purchasing furniture for outdoor use, however. "You don't want to end up with something that might look fine on the outside but that is holding in mold or mildew on the inside," she said. "Make sure it has the correct inside component of foam or fill that is impervious to mold or mildew."

When choosing colors for outdoor furniture, experts say to consider your surroundings. "If your garden is vibrant in color, you want neutral fabric to let the flowers stand out," said Wagner. "If it is an open space, say a pool or grassy area, then you want the furniture to be the focus and you use vibrant colors and patterns."

When it comes to lighting, designer Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests LED lights. "They come in the form of pillar candles and small votives and you don't have to worry about them catching fire or the wind blowing them out."

Wagner said, "Solar lighting has come a long way from what it was years ago. There are some great solar components out there. Don't think of lighting in the way you would inside your house. Use ambient lighting to set the mood for sitting outside and talking with your friends."

Susan Hergenrath, an assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University suggests stringing LED lights. "[They] can add sparkle. [They're] not just for winter holidays."

Candles are another lighting option, but they can serve multiple purposes. "Using candles not only helps keep the bugs at bay, but adds to the ambience," said O'Shields.



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Sea-themed accessories can add a beach-like tone to a backyard party, says Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.

While Hergenrath says homeowners should be mindful of candles that are unattended or if children are present, she also offers a decorative idea: "If you do use candles, vintage wooden spools make cool candle holders for tapers."

When it comes to casual serve ware, varieties are vast. "Melamine is a wonderful choice for outdoor serving while entertaining," said O'Shields. "Bright colors help set the tone for a festive gathering."

Proxmire adds that melamine can almost replicate indoor place settings. "There are melamine cups and plates that are patterned like Portuguese ceramic pieces," she said. "I had a client who went on [the website] Etsy.com and found navy blue and hot pink whale plates, monogrammed cozies and monogrammed disposable plates."

Unorthodox vessels can be used to hold accessories ranging from plants to utensils as well, allowing homeowners to expand their creativity. "Unexpected containers like a planter lined with plastic can be filled with ice to hold cold beverages," Proxmire said. "Mason jars are casual and [can be] used for flowers."

Chic and aesthetically appealing containers don't have to come with a high price tag, however. "The local flea market, yard sales [or] thrift shops ... have very cool 'found objects' you can use as containers," said Hergenrath. "I found a great old metal pail that is perfect. [I] love anything metal like old wash basins for ice and beverages."

In fact, when it comes to accessories, Hergenrath says inspiration and materials can often be found in one's own backyard. "Use greenery, flowers, sticks [and] rocks [that] you have readily available in your yard to create interesting decorations," she said. "Use sea shells in glass containers to add interest to flower arrangements."

Evelyn Kinville of The Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac, Md., suggests using zinnias, dahlias and delphiniums in warm weather floral arrangements. "Usually in summer there are things like mountain mint which has a minty aroma to the leaf and a small puffy looking flower," she added. "Many people have daisies and hydrangeas in their yard and, of course, the real classic is sunflowers."

Hergenrath says that even though outdoor furniture, flowers and accessories help create an aesthetically appealing design, they are not the most important element for a successful outdoor event, however.

"Remember it is the people that make the party special, not the décor," she said. "Make your space comfy and welcoming, keep the mood happy and festive ... enjoy your family and friends."

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Lt. John Smith, a firefighter with Station 15's C shift, visits with (from left) Zain Chaudhry, 3; Adan Chaudhry, 5; and Meerab Syed, 2, while Zain and Adan's mother looks on.



Members of the Mubarak Mosque hold their hands over their hearts during the singing of the National Anthem.

Celebrating the Fourth at Chantilly Mosque

FROM PAGE 1

Obenshain (R-26), both running for Virginia attorney general; state Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6), candidate for Virginia lieutenant governor; Jerry Foltz, Democratic candidate for 40 District delegate; and Atif Qarni, Democratic candidate for 13 District delegate.

Rust, who led the flag-raising, said, "I'm glad to see the mosque is thriving and growing. Thank you for inviting me to this celebration of our nation's birthday." And

Obenshain said it's "incumbent upon us to make sure the American dream survives for everybody."

Foltz identified himself as the founding pastor of Wellspring United Church of Christ, a political candidate running against incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and a representative of the Centreville Labor Resource Center. He told attendees the CLRC is a great place to hire workmen and is "an example of what the community can do when it comes together to solve its own

needs."

Furthermore, said Foltz, "On this Fourth of July, we have to honor the heroes that have made this country great and also think about the 10 fallen firefighters from Arizona and all the firefighters who work hard to keep us safe."

Also addressing the crowd was Naseem Mahdi, national vice president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. "We strongly condemn terrorism of any sort, as well as violence in the name of religion,"

he said. "Since the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we started holding blood drives. In the last two years, we collected 25,000 bottles of blood — and each bottle saves three lives."

This year's blood drive will run from Aug. 11-Oct. 11. "It's a nationwide blood drive under the name, Muslims for Life," said Mahdi. "May God bless you all and happy Independence Day. We will now have a short prayer for our homeland, the United States of America."



Meerab Syed (left), 2, and Adan Chaudhry, 5, sit inside a fire engine.



Naseem Mahdi, national vice president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, addresses the crowd.



Event attendees fill their plates with hot dogs, hamburgers and watermelon.



Raising the American flag outside the Mubarak Mosque in Chantilly.

Young Students Tackle Real-World Problems

FROM PAGE 5

LEAH TALALAYEVSKY

Leah Talalayevsky investigated the effect of different substances on the whiteness of eggshells. “My experiment mimicked tooth-whitening, and I wondered if these products worked and were good for your teeth,” she said. “Teeth and eggshells compare well because they’re made up of a lot of the same things.”

She stained eggshells with coffee and hypothesized that substances with a high base pH, such as bleach, would whiten better than acidic substances with a low pH. “Bleach is commonly accepted as a whitening agent on clothes and teeth, but acid has corrosive properties,” she said.

Leah submerged eggs in 200 milliliters of liquid in wineglasses for three days and collected data every 24 hours. Her control substance was water. She used one-fourth lemon juice to three-fourths water for the acid and one-fourth bleach to three-fourths water for the bleach.

“The bleach whitened the egg completely within an hour,” she said. “The lemon juice made the shell peel and bubble, and the white shell underneath was thin, rough and grainy. Although bleach works fast, personally, it’s not something I’d want to put in my mouth because it’s toxic.”

SAM BALINT

Sam Balint discovered why some hand warmers are more effective than others, based on the temperature at which the sodium acetate inside them starts to crystallize to warm the user’s hands.

“When we went skiing this winter, my hands were freezing, so I researched different types of hand warmers,” he said. “My hypothesis was that, if the starting temperature of the sodium acetate is at 0 degrees Celsius, or freezing, then the sodium acetate will crystallize the fastest. Hand warmers are liquid and start out super cooled.”

Sam placed four hand warmers in four different temperatures of water. Room temperature of 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees



Sam Balint discovered why some hand warmers are more effective than others.

Fahrenheit) was the control. The other temperatures were 60, 40 and 0 degrees Celsius.

“I completely submerged the hand warmers in water until they reached those temperatures, removed them and timed how fast each one solidified,” he said. “I was correct – it was instantaneous for a 0-degree hand warmer to crystallize.”

HANA MAHLE

Hana Mahle researched the effect of different surfaces’ densities on the amount of residue shown under black light. “I wanted to see if there were surfaces of a certain density that would attract less natural bacteria so they’d be cleaner and healthier for people to use,” she said.

Her hypothesis was, the higher the surface’s density, the more residue it would have naturally after being cleaned. She worked with four objects of different densities. The highest, with an 8,000-gram density, was stainless steel; next came granite and a cotton T-shirt. The lowest-density material was polypropylene, similar to Tupperware’s plastic.

“I put a transparent paper grid over each

surface, shined a black light on top of it and counted how many of the squares had residue in them after I’d cleaned each surface,” said Hana. “It meant that a surface had either naturally attracted bacteria or had it permanently.”

“I thought the plastic would have the least amount of bacteria on it, since it was the lowest density, and I was correct,” she continued. “So it makes me understand why we store things in polypropylene.”

SUZIE BAE

Suzie Bae investigated the effect of different shapes of cardboard on the heights to which they’d be lifted by the air coming out of a fan. “I wanted to investigate Bernoulli’s Principle,” she said. “It states that an airplane wing shaped like an airfoil [teardrop-shaped] would be lifted higher because there’s more pressure exerted by faster-moving air at the top.”

Her hypothesis was that, if cardboard is in an airfoil shape, it’ll lift up higher compared to a symmetrical shape and also to a reverse-shaped airfoil, where its lowest portion is at the top. “I constructed the various wings out of sturdy cardboard and hooked

a string to each,” she said. “Then I tied them onto a fan, turned it on at various speeds and did 10 trials.”

Suzie said the airfoil did lift up higher “since there was more air pressure blowing at the top of it, by faster-moving air, because of its shape. So Bernoulli’s Principle is also applicable, for example, to the movement of tennis and ping pong balls because of the pressure acting upon them.”

RASHEL BAJAJ

Rashel Bajaj’s project was about thermal pollution, referring to a temperature increase in a pool of water.

“When factories and companies dump their excess, heated water into bodies of water, it causes the organisms in the water to die,” she said. “Government regulations haven’t worked and, if this continues, it can become a really serious threat to the environment.”

She said not many people know what thermal pollution is, so she wanted to make them aware of it and, “hopefully, compel power plants and factories to change what they do.” She began with three beakers of water at 100, 20 and 37 degrees Celsius, respectively. Then she combined iodine, water and yeast and placed 15 drops in each beaker.

Next, Rashel tracked how long each beaker took to change color completely to white.

“I thought the iodine in the 100-degree water would assimilate the dissolved oxygen fastest, changing color from red to white,” she said. “It was extremely hot, and that’s what organisms go through daily.”

The 100-degree water took 30-45 seconds to turn white. It took 10-15 minutes for the 37-degree water; but with the 20-degree water, there was no change after one hour. “So I was right,” said Rashel. “I learned that we should treat nature the way it is naturally and keep it that way. I also learned the process of creating a proper, scientific experiment. I want to pursue a degree in a science field, and this is a great launching pad for it.”



Hana Mahle investigated the effect of surface density on bacteria attraction.

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Suzie Bae’s experiment proved that Bernoulli’s Principle is correct.



Rashel Bajaj dealt with the environmental threat of thermal pollution.

Virginia Run Riptide Swims to Victory

The Virginia Run Riptide traveled to Forest Hollow and created a major tsunami in the Gators' pool, winning their Division 6 meet 257.5-162.5. With a multitude of personal bests, 13 event sweeps and another team relay record for the 13-14 girls, the Riptide swimmers were hotter than the 95 degree summer day.

In the 8 & under division, Caitlin Kelliher continued her winning ways, taking a first in the freestyle and in back. In breaststroke the Riptide girls swept their event with Jenna

Leventry in first, Julia Vu in second and Emma Liskey in third. The 8 & under boys followed with their own breaststroke sweep as Sam Metcalf won first, Connor Gary second and Charles Beamon third. Victoria Davila captured first in girls' fly, while Sean Gunn took second in boys' fly. The 8 & under girls' free relay of Leventry, Isabelle Cogan, Davila and Kelliher won their event.

The 9-10 age group saw Jack Liskey first in fly. Second-place finishes were achieved by Chelsea Nyuyen in free, Andrew Boyle in back, and Alana Turflinger in back and breast. The 9-10 girls swept the 25-meter fly with Katie Conway in first, Maggie Whitton in second and Catie Gunn in third.

Outstanding swims were made by the 11-12s with Anthony Arcomona winning freestyle and Ryan Tennille taking first in back. Second-place finishes were achieved by Charlie Gunn in free, Sarah Boyle in free and back, Olivia Masterson in breast and Jackie Hart in fly. One sweep in boys' 11-12 breast with Joel Cheifetz first, Tennille second and William Beamon third was followed by another sweep in boys' fly with Arcomona first, Harry Schlatter second, and Jack Metcalf third. The 11-12 boys' medley relay of Tennille, Cheifetz, Arcomona and Jack Metcalf finished their day with a win.

To say the 13-14 Riptide boys and girls were dominant is an understatement as they garnered a total of 77 1/2 points out of a possible 82. These swimmers swept seven of eight events. In boys' freestyle, Geoffrey Eisenhart and Nick McGrath tied for first and Aaron Vu took third. In the girls' free, Didi Pace was first, Skylia Davidson second and Alexa McAnally third. For the third week in a row the "backstroke boys" swept their event with Eisenhart first, McGrath second, and Scott Pisarcik third. In the girls' back, Chloe Hicks was first, Chanel Cogan second and McAnally third. Leo Wang, Aaron Vu and Thomas Beamon took first, second and third, respectively, in the breaststroke and were matched by the 13-14 girls with Emma Guidash, Abby Borsato, and Meredith Matz in first, second and third, respectively. In fly, Wang swam to first and the ladies again swept their fly race with Didi Pace in first, Alison Meredith second, and Chanel Cogan third. Both 13-14 100-



The Virginia Run "backstroke boys" swept their event for a third week in a row with Scott Pisarcik third, Geoffrey Eisenhart first and Nick McGrath second.

meter medley relays achieved wins with Eisenhart, Wang, Thomas Beamon and Aaron Vu represented the boys, while Hicks, Davidson, Didi Pace and McAnally bested their own two-week old team record with a 1:01.08.

The 15-18 year olds swam hard and were buoyed by Hicks and Davidson, two 14 year olds who "swam up" and captured firsts in free and breast, respectively. Matt Glowacki captured a first in backstroke, while the trio of Mia Newkirk, Sierra Higinbotham and Maggie Blondin swept the girls backstroke race. Joey Castro took a second in breast, while Glowacki captured a second in fly. Newkirk won first place in girls fly. Both the 15-18 girls relay of Higinbotham, Newkirk, Jessica Sheftel and Erika Turflinger and the girls mixed age relay of Sarah Boyle, Nyuyen, Hicks, and Newkirk won their events.

Sully Station SSTs Beat Poplar Heights

The Sully Station SSTs finished up the mid-point of the 2013 NVSL season in second place, at a competitive meet at Poplar Heights on July 6. With 21 wins and 44 second- and third-place finishes, including five sweeps in the individual events, the SSTs were well on their way to winning the meet. At the start of the relays Sully Station was ahead 197-163.

Freestyle was the closest stroke, with the SSTs starting out slow, trailing Poplar Heights by six points. The SSTs only won four of these events, but were close behind Poplar Heights, picking up half of the second- and third-place points. Mitchell Basham finished just over a second behind the first-place finisher in the 9-10 50-meter race and finished with a best time of 39.78 secpmds. Gonzalo Lopez Olan also bettered his time in the 11-12 50 meters, finishing third.

The SSTs started their ascent to the win in Backstroke closing the gap to four points, still with only four wins, but increasing the number of points earned by those placing second and third. With a second-place finish in the 8U 25 meters, Nate Hamluk swam

his best time of 26.03. The SSTs had a total of five second-place finishes in the 50-meter events, starting with Hogan O'Brien improving his best swim by 1.81 seconds, coming in second place in the 11-12 50 meters. Dominic Huffman and Katie Stulga beat their best times by .38 seconds and .96 seconds, respectively in the 13-14 50-meter events, and Zoe Hemmer finished with an improvement of .02 seconds. With Sully Station's first sweep of the day, the 15-18 boys, picked up a total of nine points. Anirwin Sridhar

earned the win while Collin Fiala finished with a best time of 32.79 seconds in second place and Michael McPherson placed third.

The team's strength continued to grow in breaststroke, this time earning 52 points taking the lead 144-126. The SSTs won eight of the breaststroke events. Momentum soared when the 11-12 girls swept their 50-meter race. Payton Moore captured first place, followed by Shelly Kehoe and Allison Hickey, with Kehoe taking .55 seconds off her previous best time. Eight other personal best marks were earned during the breaststroke events, including Joaquin Perez in the 11-12 50 meters, winner of the boys' 13-14 50 meters, Arun Maran and teammate Patrick Kruk, Grace Robinson and Asha Maran in the girls' 13-14 50 meters, and Jack Tyskowski, Amy Layne and Megan Humphrey for the 15-18s. Layne placed third in the girls' event.

The atmosphere during the butterfly events was frenetic as the SSTs gained even more strength, picking up another 57 points. Starting off with a sweep in the 8U boys' 25-meter event, Nate Hamluk, Jakob Huse and Tyler Whitacre set the tone for the rest of the meet. The SSTs picked up another five wins beginning with Leah Mozeleski for the 8U girls. Brian Dickinson led the way to another sweep in the 11-12 boys' butterfly with a personal best of 3.8 seconds. Carl Gerland won for the 13-14s



Sully Station's Hogan O'Brien clinches a sweep for the 11-12 boys in the 50m Butterfly event, Saturday at Poplar Heights. Brian Dickinson won the race, followed by Robert Werderman in second.

with personal best mark of .19 seconds, Danial Okhovvatgilani won in the final sweep of the day in the 15-18 boys' event and Zoe Hemmer was first to the wall in the 15-18 girls' event. Five other swimmers earned personal best marks in the butterfly events. For the 9-10s, it was AJ Hamluk cutting .23 seconds and Jessica Molloy crushing her best time by 2.35 seconds. Three 13-14s beat their best times starting with Arun Maran finishing third in the boys' event and second-place swimmer Sophie Wilson and teammate Grace Robinson for the girls.

Tensions were high entering the relays. While the SSTs were ahead by 34 points, favor could have swung in the other direction. Securing wins in six of the 12 relays, Sully Station held on to its 34 point lead and won the meet by a score of 227-193.

At press time Sully Station finished up a B meet at Brookfield. Placing in the top three in many of the events. Sully Station hosts their first A meet of the season on July 13 against Cardinal Hill.

Sequoia Farms Wins Close Meet

It was a tight meet throughout the individual events as the Sequoia Farms Stingrays met the Sugarland Run Dolphins at Saturday's swim meet in Centreville. Both of these well-established teams could sense that it would probably be a meet where the Independence Day weekend plans of many families would have a lot to do with the outcome of the meet. By the time the relay events had nearly ended, it was evident that Sequoia families had stayed closer to home and put a stronger team in the pool on that day.

The Stingrays finished with a solid victory to improve their division record to 3-0. Next week Sequoia Farms will put its undefeated record on the line as they visit the division's other undefeated team, Chinquapin.

For the boys, individual first-place winners were: Brian Chapman, Diego Cromwell, Blake Feichtl, Brice Harris, Samuel Kirkpatrick (double winner), Ryan Morris and Russ Steinhilber.

The girls' individual first-place finishers were: Julia Barrett, Lucy Blazquez, Nadia Boggs, Kate Croxton (triple winner), Lillianne Fish, Sydney Fish (double winner), Kelsey Hammer (triple winner), Bridget O'Malley and Ella Santilli.

In the relay events, Sequoia brought its third win home with first-place swims in: boys' 8U medley relay (Daniel Zakula, Ryan Bechtol, Kirkpatrick, Pat Bartro); girls' 8U medley relay (Lillianne

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Fish, Avery Gegg, Ella Santilli, Boggs); boys' 9-10 medley relay (Andrew Watson, James Williams, Cromwell, Connor Croxton); girls' 9-10 medley relay (Kristen Blee, Julia Barrett, Sydney Fish, Lucy Blazquez); girls' 11-12 medley relay (Sydney Loper, Caroline Santilli, Croxton, Molly Hammer); boys' 13-14 medley relay (Ryan Morris, Steinhilber, Harris, Matthew Bentley); boys' 15-18 medley relay (Feichtl, Daniel Williams, Chapman, Nick Nevarez) and girls' 5-18 free relay (Sydney Fish, Nicole Williams, Hammer, Croxton).



The Sequoia Farms boys' 8 & Under medley relay team of Samuel Kirkpatrick, Pat Bartro, Ryan Bechtol, Daniel Zakula.

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Poplar Tree Dominates Fintastics, Moves to 3-0.

BY ELIZABETH HALL

On July 6, the Poplar Tree Pirates hosted the Fox Mill Woods Fintastics of Reston in their third NVSL Division 7 meet of the season. This summer, the Pirates have been making a tradition of leading in score after each stroke and coming out with a sizeable victory, and this week proved no different. In an excitingly close first event, Adrian Coray edged his competition by snatching a first in the 8-and-under boys' freestyle. The next Pirate victory came from Sara Radcliffe for the 9-10 girls.

Unsurprisingly, the 11-12 Pirates dominated the field with Nick David placing first on the boys' side and with Lauren Young picking up her first individual victory of the season for the girls, followed by teammate Haley Alderman in a very close second. The winning trend continued through the older age groups as Marcelo Coray and Steven Longino finished first and second, respectively, for the 13-14 boys, and Evan Baker picked up a win for the 15-18 boys. The freestyle events concluded with Lauren Hensley and Brianna Friday finishing first and second, respectively, and with the Pirates leading the Fintastics 55-35.

The Pirates continued their lead into the backstroke events as Elena Benson took first place in 8-and-under backstroke with teammate Marissa Erickson following in a very close second. The Pirate ladies continued to dominate as Radcliffe and Natalie Farello finished first and second, respectively, for the 9-10 age group and Julia Young and Lauren Young did the same for the 11-12s.

Jonathan Wen picked up the first backstroke win on the boys' side for the Pirates by dominating the 13-14 age group while Baker followed suit for the 15-18 boys. Katie Dingman and Hannah Warnick finished first and second, respectively, for the 15-18 girls and the Pirates were up 106-74 at the cul-

mination of the backstroke events.

To kick off breaststroke, in arguably one of the most exciting individual events of the meet, 5-year-old Blake Madsen took his first victory of the season for the 8-and-under boys. The next Pirate win came from Natalie Farello for the 9-10 girls, followed by Mary Kominski and Flora Baxter finishing first and second, respectively, for the 11-12 girls.

The wins continued through the next three events as Wen took first for the 13-14 boys and with Corinne Kominski and Julia Brunner finishing first and second, respectively, for the girls. David Stewart won the 15-18 boys' event in a relatively close race and the Pirates led the Fintastics 154-116 at the conclusion of breaststroke.

The first victory for the Pirates in the butterfly events came from the talented 11-12s. David cruised to victory with teammate Ted Ellis placing second, while Alderman, Julia Young, and Mary Kominski completed a first-second-third sweep in that order. The sweeps continued into the 13-14 age group as Marcelo Coray, Fletcher Madsen, and Longino finished first-second-third, respectively. Corinne Kominski scored a victory for the 13-14 girls, while Briley Rickard earned second place in the same event. In the last individual event of the meet, the 15-18 girls Hensley, Brianna Friday, and Virginia Walsh swept the points by placing first, second and third, respectively. At the conclusion of the individual events, the Pirates were up 210-150.

Needing only one relay to win the meet, the 8-and-under boys' team of Nick Chernisky, Ben Farello, Joey Gercken and Adrian Coray won the very first relay event in an excitingly close race. Although the Pirates had already won the meet after this race, that didn't stop them from going on to win the last eight relays of the meet. The 11-12 boys' relay of Ted Ellis, Ryan Puxley, David, and Nels Williams took a win with ease, as did the 11-12 girls' relay of Julia

Young, Mary Kominski, Alderman, and Lauren Young. In the 13-14 age group, Wen, Fletcher Madsen, Marcelo Coray, and Longino brought home a win for the boys, while Maddie Williams, Julia Brunner, Corinne Kominski, and Rickard did the same for the girls. The 15-18 relay of Baker, David Stewart, Preston Rhodes, and Sean Morrow took a victory for the boys, while the girls relay of Hensley, Dingman, Brianna Friday, and Warnick did the same. The mixed-age boys relay of David, Matthew Rickard, Marcelo Coray, and Baker won a very close race while the girls' mixed-age relay of Alderman, Radcliffe, Corinne Kominski, and Hensley won the very last event of the meet.

The Pirates won the meet by 90 points with a final score of 255-165 and will head to Alexandria on July 13 to compete against the Mansion House Piranhas.

Single Individual Event Winners: Adrian Coray (8-and-under freestyle), Lauren Young (11-12 freestyle), Benson (8-and-under back), Julia Young (11-12 back), Dingman (15-18 back), Blake Madsen (8-and-under breast), Natalie Farello (9-10 breast), Mary Kominski (11-12 breast), David Stewart (15-18 breast), Alderman (11-12 fly).

Double Individual Event Winners: Radcliffe (9-10 free & back), David (11-12 free & fly), Marcelo Coray (13-14 free & fly), Baker (15-18 free & back), Hensley



Sully Station II Piranhas bid farewell to graduating seniors Arman Ahmadi, Erin Schulte, and Kenzie Elliott. Joining them are team rep Chris Campbell and Coach Scott Brown.

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(15-18 free & fly), Wen (13-14 back & breast), Corinne Kominski (13-14 breast & fly).

Sully Station II Beats Dunn Loring

The Sully Station II Piranhas improved to 2-1 on the season with a hard-fought triumph over Dunn Loring, 229-190. The team started off blazing hot with wins in nine of 10 freestyle events and held on to close out the meet with six thrilling relay victories.

The day began with crazy costumes and a spirited Harlem Shake followed by the traditional tunnel and fond farewell for

graduating seniors. Congratulations and many thanks to Arman Ahmadi (George Washington University), Kenzie Elliott (Miami of Ohio), and Erin Schulte (George Mason University) for their leadership in and out of the pool.

Several SS2 swimmers demonstrated versatility and determination by capturing two individual event victories. Eight-and-under standout Collin West earned first in freestyle (20.60 seconds) and fly (29.77), and teammate Angela Cai took home wins in breaststroke (22.44) and fly (19.53, lowering her own record again). Ten-year-old Carson Saint Germain touched first in free (39.69) and fly (21.10) and was joined in victory by teammate Faith Alston in free (34.13) and breaststroke (43.74). Flynn Crisci won 11-12 boys' free (31.79) and breaststroke (40.20) and Nick Campbell conquered 15-18 boys' free (26.22) and back (30.36).

The 15-18 girls had a strong meet, with victories in all four events, a clean sweep in two events, and a powerful relay performance. The age group was led by double-event winners Madisyn Graham in back (34.34) and fly (33.91), and Erin Schulte in free (28.71) and breaststroke (37.15). The girls completed the sweeps with strong finishes in freestyle by Kenzie Elliott (30.95) and Jocelyne Amos (32.30) as well as Elliott (34.42) and Caitlin Campbell (34.91) in fly.

Single-event winners included freestylers Caroline Li (18.74), Karena Hall (32.71), and Jack Jiang (29.71), breaststrokers Aidan Crisci (48.82), Hope Alston (44.35), and Georgia Stamper (38.75), and fly master Austen Bundy (29.69).

Second-place finishers included 6-year old Emerson Saint Germain in back (36.30) and breaststroke (40.26), 11-year old Taylor Smith in back (41.45) and breaststroke (45.25), 11-year old Kellen Campbell in free (32.90) and back (36.83), and 17-year old Ben Wu in free (27.51) and breaststroke (36.06).

On July 13, SS2 will take on Division 4 leader Hunter Mill and then will celebrate at the team's 20th Anniversary Gala later that evening.

SPORTS BRIEF

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A five-on-five basketball tournament to raise money for the Centreville girls' basketball program will be held from noon to 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 3 at Centreville High School. Cost is \$250 per team with a maximum of 10 players per team. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games, which each last 35 minutes. Players must be at least 15 years of age.

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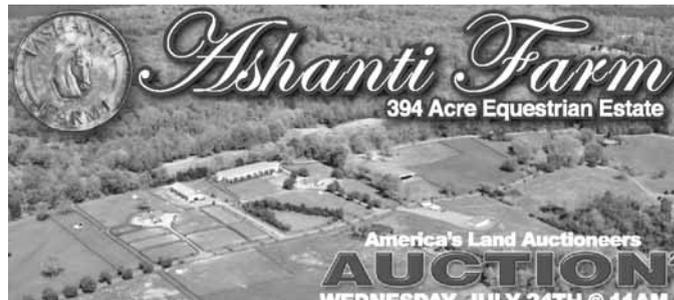
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grows up, changes and finds herself as she matures during the course of the story."

Her favorite song is "You're the One that I Want" because "it shows Sandy as finally happy and confident." She said the audience will love the production because "the cast is really energetic and they'll like hearing the songs they all know and seeing them performed."

Diego Encarnacion, a rising junior at Chantilly, portrays Danny. "He acts rough in front of his gang, the T-Birds, but he shows a soft side to Sandy," said Encarnacion. "During that summer, when he's isolated from his usual world, he shows that he can fall in love."

Danny's interesting to play, said Encarnacion, because "it's fun to be flirtatious, and Danny knows everyone really well and almost everyone likes him. And because of the 1950s time period, it gives the 'bad guy' a different stereotype." Encarnacion likes the song "We Go Together" because it involves practically the entire cast and "everyone has a lot of fun singing it; it has a come-together feeling."

He said attendees will enjoy "the view into the '50s and seeing how different things were back then. They'll also like the romance between Danny and Sandy and the drama between T-Bird Kenickie and Rizzo, one of the Pink Ladies. And everyone in this cast has lots of talent."

Playing Rizzo is 2002 Chantilly grad Kristina Ortiz. "She's the leader of the Pink Ladies, a 'gang' of the popular girls who rule the high school," said Ortiz. "She's tough, sarcastic and outspoken, but also has a softer side she doesn't allow many people to see."

Ortiz loves playing this role because "we have a lot of things in common. [In real life], I'm a federal police officer so I have to be tough and a leader, but I have a soft side, too. And it's fun being sarcastic; people can't one-up her — she always has a comeback."

Her favorite song is "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" because the audience gets to see a vulnerable Rizzo and realize she has feelings. As for the musical, said Ortiz, "The singing is fantastic and it's a great show overall."

From Little Rocky Run, Thomas Jefferson grad Daniel Perkes portrays Teen Angel, who appears and sings the "Beauty School Dropout" song, comforting the character Frenchy and encouraging her to return to high school. It's a cool song, said Perkes, because "it's a dreamy, theatrical number with the girls all around Teen Angel."

He also plays nerdy student Eugene. "He's more focused on school than the other characters," said Perkes. "Hopefully, he's endearing and the audience will connect with him and see that he's a good guy."

He said people will like how much fun the actors are having. And, he added, "The main characters are really well-developed, so the audience will get immersed and swept up in the story and be excited to see what happens next."

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Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults and school age children can hear "Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi, July 1863" by author and National Park Service Ranger Matt Atkinson. Free. 703-830-2223.

Teen Book Club. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. For teens in grades 7-9. Call for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/JULY 12

Ready for School Storytime. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Comedy Show. 8 p.m. at Fast Eddies,

14114 Lee Highway. Comedian Jamel Johnson performs. Hosted by Jon Yeager. Visit fasteddies.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 13

Dig Into Reading. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 6-12 can enjoy magic tricks, a silly puppet and music with Steve Somers. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Master Gardeners. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can get tips, information and advice on home gardens. Free. 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 13-14

World War II Weekend. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way. Rain or shine. \$8 admission for adults; \$6 for seniors and children; free for veterans and active duty military with ID. Call 703-437-1794.

MONDAY/JULY 15

Groovy Nate. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can sing and dance with Groovy Nate and his puppets. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

A Cool Book for a Hot Day. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls and boys in grades 5-6 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

Pajama Storytime. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 1-6 can wear pjs and enjoy bedtime stories. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Zombie Creatures with Shannyn Snyder. 2 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 12-18 can make a zombie "pillow" creature to take home. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

The Fabulous Five Senses/ Dinosaur Show. 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. All ages can go back in time to the land of dinosaurs with the Goodlife Theater puppets. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Lego Block Party. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-6 can build. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

Yoga Storytime. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Ages 6-9 can enjoy story time that incorporates basic yoga moves. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Comedy Show. 8 p.m. at Fast Eddies, 14114 Lee Highway. Big Doug performs. Hosted by Jon Yeager. Visit fasteddies.com.

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